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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 0457 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CAIRO,
TEL AVIV, DAMASCUS, AMMAN, JIDDA, ATHENS, ANKARA, ADDIS ABABA,
MOGADISCIO AND BEIRUT FEB 18.

QUOTE: UNCLAS NICOSIA 0457

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451

1. SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1615 HOURS: GOC FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS
HAS JUST BRIEFED PRESS AT AIRPORT THAT TERRORISTS ARE ERITREANS
WHO CAME TO PARTICIPATE IN AAPSO CONFERENCE. WHEN CHAIRMAN
AL-SIBAI REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEIR CREDENTIALS THEY SHOT HIM.

2. LYSSARIDES CONTINUES TO ACT AS MEDIATOR. HIS MOST RECENT
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REMARK WAS THAT ERITREANS "JUST WANT TO LEAVE CYPRUS".
ULTIMATE DESTINATION NOT IMPORTANT TO THEM.

3. GOC FONMIN CHRISTOFIDES HAS JUST ARRIVED AT AIRPORT, AS HAS
CUBAN AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS CUBAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.

4. DURING THIS INCIDENT, REGULAR BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT ARRIVED

AT LARNACA, DISCHARGED PASSENGERS WHO PROCEEDED TO TERMINAL BUILDING. PLANE NOW BEING REFUELED, APPARENTLY FOR REGULAR RETURN FLIGHT TO LONDON.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT PREVIOUS MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT TO ADDIS ABABA, MOGADISCIO AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE POSTS.
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